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French broadcasts have little to say, as yet, on the London Conference. Soviet broadcasts about France and the Ruhr stress primarily the threat to the French economy involved in giving priority to German rather than French recovery, and the meagerness of coal deliveries to France from the Ruhr.

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1. POTSDAM AGREEMENT: Potsdam is referred to in denouncing "dismemberment" of Germany, and in urging economic unity, "the setting up of an export plan," "democratizing" German industry, and "decentralizing German economic power." It is also claimed that dividing Europe economically, with a line "right across Germany," would hurt German economy. "On the other hand, in the event of an intensive trade revival between western and eastern Europe, Germany would lie at the very center of an economically unified Europe." (Earlier broadcasts had shown a similar effort to identify the U.S., and, especially the Marshall Plan, with an absence of east-west trade.)

2. GERMAN UNITY: This is again by far the most emphasized theme. Most of the sub-themes mentioned last week under this heading are continued; and in addition, there are reports of a secret ballot on German unity to be conducted in Halle, and of one million signatures by German youths to an appeal by the Free German Youth for "restoration of Germany's unity at the London Conference."

3. DEMILITARIZATION: It is repeated that many peace-industry concerns are being dismantled while war industry is left intact.

4. DENAZIFICATION: Slighted.

5. ECONOMIC CONTROL: A satirical commentary describes "colonial" conditions in "Bizonesia." "Officially it is now called the 'Bi-zone,' but the common folk very soon changed its name into 'Bizonesia'--an ironical hint at the fact that the British and U.S. authorities are endeavoring to turn the bi-zone into a colony, like Indonesia or Polynesia."

6. REPARATIONS: Slighted.

7. ECONOMIC FAILURE: "Northern Bizonesia" is described as a "land of marvels. Here the people sit on coal, yet freeze. For their food, the natives say, 'the Nazis gave us vitamins, the British give us calories, but grab we get from no one.'"

8. LAND REFORM AND SOCIALIZATION: Slighted.

9. AUSTRIA: The Austrian treaty is mentioned, after long neglect, but nothing specific is said about it. "Reactionary circles" are said to be openly advocating a separate peace with Austria, which would be "tantamount to the division of Austria." The long-neglected claim to "Nazi assets" is also mentioned, but with no supporting argument except to call the claim "incontestable."

10. FRANCE AND GERMANY: Monitored French radio comment on the London Conference is very meager as yet, and monitored references consist only of quotations from De Gaulle and from the French press. The quotations are of a familiar sort; for example, the

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PARIS PRESSE says that France wants "severe and permanent international control" of the Ruhr.

During the past six months, Soviet comment on France, as related to Germany, has asserted: that the French economy will suffer because priority is given to Germany; that France is being slighted in the allocation of Ruhr coal; that France was ignored when decisions were made by Britain and the U.S., or by the U.S. alone; that restored German war potential threatens French security; that France is being offered political control of the Saar (or Ruhr coal) as an inducement to merge its zone with the U.S. and British zones. All of these are subordinated, however, to the over-all picture of the "rightist" French Government as the docile tool of American "monopolists."

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